

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

This preliminary amendment has been submitted to place the application in better condition for initial examination.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone interview would expedite prosecution of this patent application, he or she is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned at 215-599-0600. Contact with the undersigned via electronic mail at [jknoble@patentwise.com](mailto:jknoble@patentwise.com) is hereby authorized<sup>1</sup> per MPEP 502.03.

Respectfully submitted,

/JLK/

John L. Knoble

Registration No. 32,387

Date: August 4, 2006

**KNOBLE YOSHIDA & DUNLEAVY, LLC**

Eight Penn Center- Suite 1350  
1628 John F. Kennedy Boulevard  
Philadelphia, PA 19103  
(215) 599-0600 Main  
(215) 599-0601 Fax  
[jknoble@patentwise.com](mailto:jknoble@patentwise.com)

---

<sup>1</sup> Recognizing that Internet communications are not secure, I hereby authorize the USPTO to communicate with me concerning any subject matter of this application by electronic mail. I understand that a copy of these communications will be made of record in the application file.